

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**  
**And Ex-Officio for the**  
**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**33 N. DEARBORN STREET-STE. 1000**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602**

**Minutes for August 2, 2012 Meeting of the Board**

The County Fund and the Forest Preserve District Fund are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund".

Call to Order and Roll Call.

Trustees Present: John Fitzgerald, Robert Benjamin, Lauren Gore, Brent Lewandowski, and Patrick McFadden

Staff Present: Daniel R. Degnan, Executive Director; Michael Maratea, Director of Finance; Gary LeDonne, Senior Benefit Advisor; Sharon Ryan, Office Manager, Dawn D'Amato, Disability Benefit Team Lead

Others Present: Mary Pat Burns, Burke Burns & Pinelli, LTD; Katie Sabo, Office of Commissioner Bridget Gainer; Theron Pickets, Cabrera Capital; Will Brown, Capital Management Group; Sharon Piet, Podesta; Angela Myers, Loop Capital;

1. Review and Consideration of:

a. July 12, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Benjamin that the minutes of the July 12, 2012, Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

b. Bills, Payroll Records, Annuities, Spouse & Child Annuities, Ordinary & Duty Disabilities and Refunds.

It was moved by Trustee Benjamin and seconded by Trustee McFadden that the presented payroll, bills and recommendations for annuities, disabilities and refunds be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

## 2. Other Benefit Matters

### a. Ajuwon

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Gore that Ms. Ajuwon has demonstrated a reasonable cause for delay in filing her application for duty disability benefits and that she is eligible for the benefits requested.

#### Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

### b. Boens

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Mr. Boens has demonstrated a reasonable cause for delay in filing his application for duty disability benefits. It is further moved that he has provided sufficient medical documentation to support his application and that he is eligible for the benefits requested.

#### Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

### c. Cherry

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Mr. Cherry has demonstrated a reasonable cause for delay in filing his application for duty disability benefits. It is further moved that he has provided sufficient medical documentation to support his application and that he is eligible for the benefits requested.

#### Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

### d. Jackson

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Retired Judge Michael C. Close be appointed to serve as the hearing officer for the administrative hearing requested by Mr. Jackson.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## 3. Personnel Matters

It was moved by Trustee Lewandowski and seconded by Trustee Benjamin that the Board convene an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss the employment of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee Lewandowski and seconded by Trustee McFadden that the Executive Session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, Ms. Blits be promoted to Benefits Counselor and that her annual salary be increased commensurate with that position.

It was moved by Trustee Lewandowski and seconded by Trustee Benjamin that the Board convene an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss the employment of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

At this time Trustee Lewandowski recused himself from the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Benjamin and seconded by Trustee Gore that the Executive Session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

4. Old Business/New Business

5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2012.